

## Highlights

- ✓ Airport security was enhanced with the addition of 15 security officers in 2002 and additional contractual employees. Security costs can fluctuate based on the TSA threat level designation.
- ✓ The addition of Air Tran, Frontier and Allegiant Air service to Wichita has dramatically increased passenger traffic at the Airport and lowered air fare costs. The addition of low fare carriers has saved local consumers an estimated \$50 million in the past two years.
- ✓ Data processing functions at the Airport have been fully integrated with City operations, increasing support levels and efficiency.

The mission of the Airport is to develop the airport system on a self-sustaining and fiscally sound basis; and to maintain, develop and enhance capital investments in the City of Wichita's airport facilities.

### Overview

Airport facilities include Wichita Mid-Continent Airport and Colonel James Jabara Airport. Mid-Continent, a commercial service airport that will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> year next year, handles well over one million passengers per year. Seventeen airlines offer non-stop service to 12 major city destinations, with a total of 47 departures on an average business day. Traffic at Mid-continent has grown significantly in the past three years, as low fare carriers launched service.

In addition to the passenger airlines, there are five all-cargo airlines that move over 30,000 tons of cargo a year. General Aviation accounts for 75 percent of the total general air traffic at Mid-Continent Airport. Jabara Airport is a general aviation reliever airport in northeast Wichita that provides fueling and aircraft services to corporate and private aircraft.



*A new state of the art AirTran Boeing 717 jet loads passengers bound for Atlanta. AirTran Airways provides three daily non-stop flights to Atlanta, gateway to forty-one AirTran domestic and international destinations.*

Airport operations are governed by the Airport Authority, which by Charter Ordinance is composed of the members of the

Wichita City Council. The Director of Airports, reporting to the City Manager, handles operational management of the airports. In addition, a 13-member Wichita Airport Advisory Board provides advice to the City Manager and City Council regarding strategic airport issues.

The Airport Authority owns all land and facilities located on both airports except for Federal government facilities. Approximately 165 leases are managed with entities such as fixed based operators, manufacturers, aircraft/flight service agencies, car rental agencies, airlines, concession operators, the hotel operator, the parking lot manager and the Federal government. The lease revenue, along with Federal grants and passenger facility charges (dedicated to Airport Capital Improvements) make it possible for the airports to operate without property tax subsidies.

### Airport Service Levels

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Passengers	1,129,381	1,337,270	1,450,000	1,570,000
Air Cargo (tons)	24,919	34,743	33,500	33,500
General Aviation	151,103	137,747	130,000	130,000

### Finance and Operations

Airport operations are funded entirely by user fees. Revenues are comprised primarily of tenant rentals, flight fees and concessions. In addition, the Airport generates revenue through the sale of utilities to tenants. A large portion of the overall operational duties of the Airport is associated with compliance with Federal safety and environmental mandates. Regulations relate to many facets of the operation such as airfield lighting systems, airfield pavements, the computer-controlled access security system, underground storage tanks, storm water runoff control and hazardous materials disposal.

The Airport is organized into Administration, Engineering, Building Maintenance, Airfield Maintenance and Security divisions. Financial and managerial oversight, as well as clerical support are included in Administration. In addition, Air

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Service development activities are centered in this Division. Engineering staff work with the Airport Improvement Plan and support construction projects at the Airport.

Airfield Maintenance responsibilities include surfaced areas of the tarmac (runways and taxiways) and landscaped areas. Airfield pavement area has recently been expanded significantly to support the new Cessna Service Center that is being developed. Some activities are contracted out, in addition to the tasks performed in-house. Vehicle maintenance is also managed by this work group, as well as snow removal in the winter.



Wichita Mid-Continent Airport and Colonel James Jabara Airport support well over 100,000 general aviation aircraft operations annually.

Building Maintenance is responsible for over 350,000 square feet, including the terminal building. Staff maintain the electrical

distribution system, computerized boilers, the airfield lighting system, and the airfield surface sensor system, as well as



Colonel James Jabara

Wichita's general aviation reliever airport in northeast Wichita is named after Colonel James Jabara. Although not born in Wichita, Col. Jabara was raised in Wichita and graduated from high school here. He served in World War II, flying over 100 combat missions. During the Korean conflict he became the world's first jet-on-jet fighter ace, ultimately downing 15 enemy aircraft. Scheduled for combat duty in Vietnam in 1966, Colonel Jabara tragically died in an automobile accident before deployment.

plumbing, electrical and ventilation systems. Custodial services are provided, primarily in the terminal building and the administration building.

The Airport is required to maintain security on Airport property, based on FAA regulations, the Airport Certification Manual and the Airport Security Plan. Staff includes 46 positions which provide security, law enforcement and crash rescue services 24 hours a day. Staff is supplemented, as necessary, by contracted security and other law enforcement personnel.

### Airport Budget Summary

	2002 Actual	2003 Adopted	2003 Revised	2004 Adopted	2005 Approved
Airport Fund Revenue	17,032,785	15,014,100	14,394,000	14,765,100	15,102,900
Personal Services	4,678,382	5,450,230	5,485,300	5,757,250	6,022,920
Contractual Services	3,200,346	2,945,670	3,496,670	2,804,970	2,981,500
Commodities	604,374	763,310	744,740	771,960	782,070
Capital Outlay	164,791	493,990	249,390	324,000	226,350
Other	3,347,578	1,307,330	1,695,490	2,173,000	2,174,100
<b>Total Airport Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>11,995,471</b>	<b>10,960,530</b>	<b>11,671,590</b>	<b>11,831,180</b>	<b>12,186,940</b>
<b>Airport Fund Cash Balance</b>	<b>12,595,885</b>	<b>12,295,314</b>	<b>15,318,295</b>	<b>18,252,215</b>	<b>21,168,175</b>
Total full-time positions	110	110	110	110	110
Total part-time positions	4	4	4	4	4
Total FTE positions	111.25	111.25	111.25	111.25	111.25